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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 9TH THROUGH 15TH OF 2021 AS "NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, AND THANKING ALL NURSING HOME WORKERS FOR THE TIRELESS SERVICE AND COMPASSIONATE CARE THEY PROVIDE

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Kislak, Bennett, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Potter, and Baginski

Date Introduced: May 11, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, "National Skilled Nursing Care Week", formerly known as "National
2 Nursing Home Week", has been held annually since 1967, and always begins on Mother's Day.
3 The observance is sponsored by the American Health Care Association in recognition of the
4 important role skilled nursing care centers play in caring for America's seniors and individuals
5 with disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the American Health Care Association's National Center for
7 Assisted Living, there are more than 15,400 nursing facilities across the United States, with
8 approximately 1.3 million residents and 1.6 million workers. These 1.6 million nursing home
9 workers consist of nursing assistants, licensed practical and vocational nurses, registered nurses,
10 other health care and personal support occupations, business administrative and social services
11 staff, food preparation and serving related occupations, as well as numerous additional support
12 workers; and

13 WHEREAS, Our dedicated skilled nursing care center professionals work tirelessly and
14 diligently everyday to ensure that the frail, the elderly, and disabled adults in long-term care
15 receive the best possible care; and

16 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's commemoration of "National Skilled Nursing Care
17 Week" is "Together Through the Seasons" which reflects on the incredible and overwhelming
18 challenges faced by skilled care centers and their personnel during the pandemic and the steadfast

1 commitment they have maintained to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents at all
2 times; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 proclaims May 9th through 15th of 2021 as "National Skilled Nursing Care Week" in the State of
5 Rhode Island; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Director Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH,
8 Rhode Island Department of Health.

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